(a) whether Government had a proposal to upgrade the All India Radio relay station at Keonjhargarh *in* Orissa; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to implement the above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) All India Radio station at Keonjhargarh is a full-fledged station with 1 KW MW transmitter and multipurpose studios, having programme generation, play-back and receiving facilities. There is no proposal at present to further upgrade the station.

Doordarshan and Akashvani Programmes

92. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR:

SHRI O. P. KOHIL:
SHRI RAMNATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that "Ram Ram" has been the standard greetings in several Radio and Doordarshan programmes; if so, the nomen- : clature of such programmes, and since when this greeting has been in vogue;

(b) whether AIR and Doordarshan have now sought to change this form of greeting, if so, from which date and the reasons for the change;

(c) what other forms of Indian greetings/cultural expressions are proposed to be discarded by AIR and Doordarshan and the reasons there-for;

(d) whether Doordarshan has also similarly stopped showing 'Satyamev Jayate";

(e) the steps taken to withdraw the orders;

(f) whether Doordarshan has started sponsoring National Song; and

(g) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to retract the step?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) No change in the status quo is contemplated by All India Radio and Doordarshan.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise

Privatisation of Doordarshan and Akashvani

93. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV:
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal for the privatisation of the Doordarshan and the Akashwani;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps have been taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.